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Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO), issued the following statement after signing the *Declaration of Health Care Independence* at today's press conference:

"Today, I along with like-minded colleagues signed the *Declaration of Health Care Independence*. We are committed to opposing a massive, bureaucratic takeover of health care, fomented in back rooms, and guaranteed to grow government and raise taxes.

"Now is the time for an open, bi-partisan look at what we can do to decrease the cost of private care and make it more accessible to all Americans.

"There are many proposals on which Republicans and Democrats of good faith can agree, proposals which will improve the quality of health care, decrease its cost, make insurance more portable and easier to purchase, and ensure that states have the freedom to reform their medical liability statutes.

"I have co-sponsored H.R. 3400, a conservative solution to the rising costs of health care in the United States, and I look forward to finding health care solutions that Republicans and Democrats can agree on – solutions that empower consumer choice and protect the doctor-patient relationship."

Along with other members of Congress, Akin wrote and signed the [\*Declaration of Health Care Independence\*](#), stating principles which should inform health care reform deliberations, at a 2:30 p.m. press conference today.